

## "IMPROPER," THEY SAY

Several Physicians Strongly Opposed to Women Riding Horseback Astride.

OTHERS GREATLY FAVOR IT

Dr. J. A. White Says Astride Is Natural and Entirely Modest.

"The Woman Astride," a pamphlet written by Dr. John B. Conkley, formerly of this city, now of Buffalo, N. Y., is quoted from and very favorably commented on in the Buffalo Express of recent date.

Dr. Conkley argues that women should ride astride for reasons of health and sound sense. He says that the side-saddle is the relic of a foolish fashion set by Anne, of Bohemia, in 1241, and that it should be done away with. He goes on to say that it is better for the horse, too. His opinions are endorsed by leading physicians and surgeons of Buffalo, among them the famous Dr. Roswell Park, who performed the operation on President McKinley, when he was shot.

The article was shown to several prominent Richmond medical men, and their opinions on the subject asked.

Dr. Paulus A. Irving said: "Riding astride is very bad from an aesthetic standpoint, and is very repugnant to my idea of propriety, though I suspect I'm very old-fashioned in this respect. Perhaps, it may be safer, as it allows a woman to get better grip on the horse. I should say, too, that it is likely to cause internal trouble."

Dr. Edward McGuire said: "I have never given much thought to the subject, but I don't see why a woman riding astride on a properly constructed saddle, should suffer any more injury than a man. A saddle built after the style of the McClellan would be a good one. The statement that riding astride would be easier on the horse is, I think, incorrect. If the saddle is properly made, the weight of the rider is evenly divided on both sides of the horse's spine. It seems rather that the best women riders I've ever known were side-saddlers. I am behind the times, but I think it is ungraceful and immodest and could never learn to like it."

**Grounds of Propriety.**

Dr. Robert Bryan expressed his opinion thus: "I do not think there is much difference in its effect on the female system from that of riding sideways—that is, speaking generally, it seems to me the side saddle is of inestimable benefit in a condition of lateral curvature of the spine to develop the atrophic muscles of the back, to accomplish this a right side saddle should be used for curvature towards the right, and a left saddle for opposite curvature. I have never thought that a woman riding astride, riding down a woman a great deal of harm, chiefly due to the vibration. As to its effects on the horse, it is unquestionably easier on it. I am opposed to it on grounds of propriety."

Dr. William H. Taylor said: "I would say theoretically that it is injurious to most women, though there are many women that can stand anything. As a rule, the case must be decided by the individual characteristics of the woman. I knew Dr. Conkley well when he lived here, though I have seen him only once since he married and moved to Buffalo. He is a good physician and I understand, is flourishing in Buffalo."

Dr. Joseph White, one of the best horse-men of Richmond, said: "I am satisfied it is the proper way for a woman to ride, and I am a good rider myself. I understand, is flourishing in Buffalo."

Dr. George Ben Johnson said he had never considered the matter very seriously, but thought astride was the natural, safe and proper way for a woman to ride.

## WOOLDRIDGE'S DAUGHTER TESTIFIES

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arrest Wooldridge, has not even spoken to him when he passed him upon the sidewalk. Mr. Fugus and Mr. Edloe Spencer had been good friends up to this week.

"Is it not true?" asked Mr. Hubbard, "that you have had conversations with Mr. Flood and Mr. Lancaster since you came here?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply. "It is not true, but I think you have not approached either Mr. Strode or myself since you came here?"

"Yes, sir, and it is also true that neither you nor Mr. Strode has approached me."

"This reply, there was laughter in the courtroom."

The Commonwealth fought hard to nullify the evidence given in by Mr. Fugus, but the witness held up remarkably well and his testimony, as a whole, seemed to leave a strong impression upon the jury.

**Favor of Wooldridge.**

At this point, the tide seemed to turn in favor of Wooldridge. Mr. L. J. Peatross, Commonwealth's attorney, of Appomattox county, said he saw Mr. Wooldridge and his eldest daughter, Miss Maude, on the day after the fire. Mr. Wooldridge and his daughter left West Appomattox at about 11 o'clock that day. If they ate dinner that day, as Mr. J. K. Hannan's testimony a few days ago seemed to indicate, they must have eaten before that time.

The witness in response to a question from Mr. Hubbard said Mr. Wooldridge hurriedly mentioned to him the fact of the burning of the night before.

"Mr. Wooldridge impressed me that he did not himself know the details of the fire," said the witness.

When Miss Maude Wooldridge, the sixteen-year-old daughter of E. C. Wooldridge, was sworn in at 4:30 o'clock, there was intense interest shown in the courtroom. There was a great crowd present, and among them a large number of ladies. There was a profound stillness when Miss Wooldridge told her story.

**Story of Miss Wooldridge.** She was at home when she heard of the burning the morning after the fire. The colored boy said only the dwelling had been burned. She hurried to the

## STUART PAGE SEAWELL AND HIS GRANDMOTHERS.



Mrs. L. S. Richardson.  
Mrs. Maria L. Peatross.

Stuart Page Seawell.

Mrs. John H. Seawell.  
Mrs. Jane R. Seawell.

Stuart Page, two years of age, son of Mr. Walter Peatross Seawell and Mrs. Verna Richardson Seawell, his wife, of Richmond, has the distinction of possessing five living grandmothers, though only one grandfather, who is Mr. John H. Seawell, of Gloucester county.

Four of the grandmothers appear in the

group above. The fifth is Mrs. M. E. Ferguson, of this city, the little boy's maternal great-grandmother. Those whose pictures are displayed include Mrs. John H. Seawell, grandmother; Mrs. Jane R. Seawell and Mrs. Maria L. Peatross, great-grandmothers, and all of Gloucester county, where the boy's father was born

and reared. The first picture at the top is that of Mrs. L. S. Richardson, of this city, the boy's grandmother on his mother's side. Three generations are represented, the grouping and relationship possessing more than usual interest in the personality of Stuart Page Seawell and his grandmothers.

## WRECKED THEIR HOME

Terrific Rain Swept Down a Cabin and Lives in Great Peril.

**STRANGER'S DARING RESCUE**

White Man Swims Out Window With Darkey Under His Arm.

Property was greatly damaged and several persons narrowly escaped drowning during the terrific rain storm yesterday afternoon.

Persons whose call was so close were the family of a colored man, Randolph by name, who occupied a cabin near Beverly and Chaffin streets, just outside the northern Hollywood gate, which was washed down. The children were rescued by a brave white man, who swam out of the house with them.

Randolph, who is a thrifty negro, and who owns a farm in the country and works in Hollywood at odd times, was not at home when the place of his abode was swept away; and when he returned and found that his family had made their escape, he calmly remarked: "I'm glad the storm didn't sweep Randolph away."

The house is situated in a sort of cavern, and toward it, the water flows from several ways. When the great down-pour came, the bottom floor being first attacked, the occupants went up stairs. They soon found that even there they

were not safe, and attempted to make their descent in order to seek other quarters.

To their surprise and consternation, they discovered that the steps were gone, and then they cried out for help.

Help came promptly, both white and colored people responding, and planks were adjusted to the upper windows, upon which the grown-up occupants made their escape. But still some of the younger element were left in the building, which promised every moment to be deluged in the muddy, surging waters.

There was a great sight to see a white man swim into one of the upper windows after the water had gotten so high as to forbid the further use of the planks, and swim back ashore with a little black pickaninny under his arm. For a time, the scenes were very interesting and exciting, and finally, when all the occupants were out, the upper floor gave way, and now only the walls of the little frame structure are standing to tell the tale.

There was an overflow at the corner of Madison and Main streets, where the gutters from three directions converge and empty their waters into the sewer at the corner. Efforts have been made recently to remedy the conditions there to avoid the inundation of the street at this corner, the last thing done being the enlargement of the sewer to what was believed to be sufficient size to carry off the water. Yesterday's rain showed that an adequate remedy has not yet been applied.

The water accumulated there to such an extent that the street was flooded and street car traffic interfered with the cars being tied up for half an hour. As the fall of rain slackened, the water flowed away.

Considerable damage was done at the corner of Broad and Madison streets, where a new building is being constructed; it was flooded.

A large hole was washed in the wall surrounding the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

The last feeding of the precipitation, made by the weather man, registered 1.45 inches. Rain fell in torrents for an hour or more and people on whatever business bent were driven from the streets.

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## Special

Extra values in White and Black China Silk Suits, fine cluster tucking, medallion trimmed, very full skirts; were \$12.50, now \$10.00.

One lot of Silk Foulard Suits, in navy and black polka dot, shirred style; were \$12.50, now \$7.50.

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## Ladies Walking Skirts

Brown, Gray and Blue Mixtures, all-wool skirts, with strap trimming, \$4 values, marked to \$2.48.

Our \$5 Walking Skirts in novelty mixtures, latest styles, now \$3.48.

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An All-Linen Light Brown Crash Toweling at 75c, and a 19-inch wide Bleached Huck-a-Back Toweling merits your attention. Ask to see them. Left hand aisle, near elevator.

## MANY WILL BE PRESENT

Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Bar Association at Hot Springs.

BE IN SESSION THREE DAYS

Francis E. Baker, of Goshen, Indiana, to Deliver the Annual Address.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Virginia State Bar Association will be held at the Homestead Hotel, Hot Springs, Va., on August 24, 25 and 26.

The session this year promises to be one full of interest. President Alexander Hamilton, of Petersburg, will make an address after the meeting has been called to order by Chairman A. W. Patterson, of Richmond. Mr. W. B. Richards, of Front Royal, will read a paper entitled "The Genesis of the Federal Judiciary System."

On Wednesday Mr. R. L. Bickford, of Newport News, will read a paper entitled "The American Merchant Marine—Legislation as a Factor in its Development."

Mr. H. W. Anderson, of Richmond, will on the same evening read a paper entitled "Allowance of Counsel Fees out of Funds in Court."

The annual address this year will be delivered by Hon. Francis E. Baker, of Goshen, Indiana, Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of the United States. This will be followed by adjournment.

On Thursday evening the annual banquet will be served.

**Many Are Expected.**

Quite a large number of the members of the association have notified the secretary of their intention to attend the meeting. Among the prominent guests who will be present is Edwin A. Alderman, recently elected president of the United States, and who is being present at the meeting. Other guests include: Mr. Henry W. Anderson, Richmond; Judge William R. Barksdale, Houston; Mr. R. G. Bickford, Newport News; Judge James E. Boyd, Greensboro, N. C.; Judge John A. Buchanan, Emory; Edward P. Buford, Lawrenceville; Mr. James Alston Cabell, Richmond; Mr. Charles C. Carlin, Alexandria; Mr. J. Preston Carson, Richmond; Mr. John W. Carter, Martinsville; Mr. Ernest B. Crawford, Harrisonburg; Judge Frank P. Christian, Lynchburg; Hon. S. Gordon Cumming, Hampton; Judge John G. Dew, Newington; Mr. Charles M. East, Staunton; Hon. Edward Echols, Staunton; Hon. John W. Fishburne, Charlottesville; Mr. Samuel Vance Fulkerson, Bristol; Judge Theodore S. Garnett, Norfolk; Mr. Frank T. Glasgow, Tazewell; Judge Samuel S. Graham, Staunton; Hon. Armistead C. Gordon, Staunton; Judge David A. Grimsley, Culpeper; Mr. Thomas Edwin Grimsley, Culpeper; Hon. Alexander Hamilton, Petersburg; Judge Walter J. Hanson, Parkburg; Mr. W. S. Holland, Windsor Station; Hon. W. S. Hopkins, Lexington; Judge Henry W. Holt, Staunton; Judge David Denton Hull, Jr., Bristol; Judge George J. Hundley, Farmville; Hon. J. T. Jeffries, Norfolk; Mr. John M. Johnson, Alex-

## THE TRIAL OF BREESE

The Proceedings on Yesterday Were of Very Great Interest.

BREESE STILL TESTIFYING

(By Associated Press.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 23.—To-day marked the close of the second week of the Breese embezzlement trial, one of the most interesting and important actions ever brought in the Federal courts in this or any other State. A great mass of testimony has been introduced, and the indications are that at least one more week will be required in bringing the case to a close. William E. Breese, the defendant, has been on the witness stand the greater part of the time since Wednesday at noon, and it is probable that his direct testimony will not be finished before the adjournment of court Monday afternoon. The district attorney will have him under cross-examination for a day and possibly longer.

**CHARACTER OF BREESE.** The defendant was taken off the stand this morning to permit several witnesses who were anxious to return home to testify. Four witnesses testified to the character of Breese, and the government introduced a witness to testify concerning a note which the First National Bank at Asheville had discounted in Charleston shortly before the failure.

Breese resumed his direct testimony. He took up the discount ledger, a book of which S. T. Dorsett testified at length and explained to the jury the method of keeping the book.

Considerable time was consumed in the examination in reference to the letters Breese had written other banks concerning notes signed by insolvent persons. The witness said he considered the notes good by reason of the fact that they were endorsed by J. E. Dockerson & Co., the First Bank of Asheville, and other firms and corporations. He had no intention to deceive when he wrote banks which had discounted the notes.

**AN EXPLANATION.** Touching the failure of the First National Bank to remit checks for drafts that had been collected for other banks, Major Breese said they were signed and held back for the simple reason that it was impossible to send them off. It had been necessary to withdraw the money from the banks upon which the checks were drawn, and as money was being withdrawn from the First National faster than it was being deposited, it will be impossible to replace the funds. The witness was striving to carry the bank along and still hold to be able to avert the threatened panic. As it turned out, the depositors at home got the benefit of this action, and the creditor banks in the North lost.

The witness averred that he received no personal benefit from any of the money that was withdrawn from the bank, the checks that were charged against his account having been drawn to pay various bills. His overdrafts were for the purpose of making good the interest and renewals of notes.

## SPECIAL EXCURSION TO NORFOLK, C. & O., Tuesday, August 2d, Round \$1.00 Trip.

On account of the Virginia Fair at Norfolk, August 1st to 6th, the C. & O. Railway will run a special one day excursion to Norfolk, August 2d, tri-weekly, leaving Richmond 7:30 A. M.; 11 round trip to Norfolk; returning, passengers will leave Norfolk via C. & O. steamer 7:15 P. M.; arrive Richmond 10:35 P. M. Special feature for Tuesday: High jumping contest, running and trotting races, steeplechase, &c.

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